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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Spytek, *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/038,854 EXAMINER: Cheyne D. Ly
FILING DATE: December 31, 2001 ART UNIT: 1631
FOR: PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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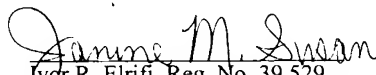
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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the May 20, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before August 20, 2003. A check in the amount of \$205.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith. This application is entitled to small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-530 (Cura 230). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


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